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| <b>Title:</b> HIGH SPEED CABLE ASSEMBLY<br>INCLUDING FINGER GRIPS |                            |

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**

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Sir:

I, Steve Koopman hereby declare that I am employed as a(n)  
Eng. Mgr {insert job title} by Samtec, Inc., which is the assignee of the present  
invention.

I hereby declare that I have been employed by Samtec, Inc. for approximately  
13 years.

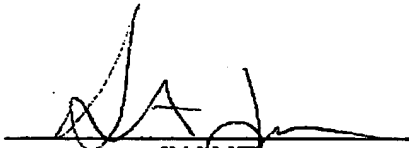
I hereby declare that the duties of my job include, not only overseeing the  
production and development of all Samtec products, but also monitoring of our  
competitor's competing products.

I hereby declare that I am not aware of any cable assemblies for connecting to at  
least one circuit board, other than that disclosed in the present application, that includes  
the features of first and second housings connected by at least one cable, where at  
least one of the first and second housings has at least one finger grip extending from a  
surface of the at least one of the first and second housings.

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